

Dear Commissioners:

Don't prevent states from fixing my cell phone problems. I am writing to oppose CG Docket No. 04-208 and WT Docket No. 05-194, which will unjustly take away the authority of states to tackle problems with cell phone service, including abusive cancellation penalties. Worse, the proposal will put in place a weak set of cell phone company-endorsed rules that offer no improvements in service or enforcement.

It's time to adopt policies that force cell phone companies to improve the level of service they provide to consumers. They know that the cell phone is more of an ego boost than a necessity of communication. They know that it can psychologically make anyone with self esteem issues feel important and look important. Why do you think that so many kids "have" to have one. It is an addiction similar to the Tobacco industry when it was "cool" to be seen smoking until the topic of cancer and death was too prevalent to ignore any more.

And what about the threat of brain cancer and other forms of cancer from prolonged bodily exposure to microwaves from the cell phones themselves. The truth pops up every now and then and is then quickly silenced. Well, cell phone technology started with use by police departments who would use them in squad cars. When police would sit them in between their legs while they drove, an outbreak of testicular cancer broke out, exclusively among policemen.

Wake up! Is looking that cool worth all of that. Is dying of old age less appealing than suffering through brain cancer at an early age?

Although CG Docket No. 04-208 purports to address consumer frustration with confusing cell phone bills, hidden fees and misleading advertising, the proposal does little for consumers. In the name of helping us, the agency is proposing to block states from passing their own pro-consumer laws. As bad, WT Docket No. 05-194 would bar state courts from enforcing state law when it comes to unfair and abusive cell phone contracts. That's going too far.

States are responding to consumer complaints. Don't stop them! And don't give in to adopting weak, industry-drafted rules in their place. The FCC should stand up to the cell phone industry, and respect states rights and strong consumer protections.

Sincerely,
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